GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1
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COMPANIES SUPPLYING BOTTLED WATER
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Will the Minister of CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of companies manufacturing and selling bottled/mineral water in the country, State-wise;

(b) whether the Government has received fresh application for grant of license to produce and sell bottled mineral water;

(c) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon, State-wise;

(d) whether the Government has appointed any regulator for quality control of bottled water;

(e) if so, whether complaints have been received regarding sale of contaminated bottled water by these companies; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and the action taken thereon, State-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CONSUMER AFFAIRS, FOOD AND PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION (SHRI TASLIMUDDIN)

(a) : The number of companies (Licenses) manufacturing and selling ISI marked packaged drinking water as per IS 14543:2004 is given below State wise:

State	No. of Licenses
Andhra Pradesh	237
Kerala and Pondicherry	31
Karnataka	104
Tamilnadu	437
West Bengal & Sikkim	38
Orissa	13
Bihar & Jharkhand	20
Assam, Meghalaya, Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Tripura, Manipur & Mizoram	15
U.P & Uttaranchal	44
Rajasthan	30
M.P. & Chattisgarh	55
Delhi & Noida	60
Himachal	4
Haryana, Punjab, J& K, Chandigarh	55
Gujarat	140
Maharashtra, Goa, Daman & Dadra Nagar Haveli	151

Total	1434

(b) & (c): Receipt of fresh applications by Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) for grant of licence is a continuous process. The state-wise details of the applications pending in BIS are given as under:

State	No. of Applications Pending
Andhra Pradesh	56
Kerala and Pondicherry	NIL
Karnataka	5
Tamil Nadu	10
West Bengal & Sikkim	2
Orissa	2
Bihar & Jharkhand	NIL
Assam, Meghalaya, Arunachal Pradesh, Nagaland, Tripura, Manipur & Mizoram	NIL
U.P & Uttaranchal	1
Rajasthan	2
M.P. & Chattisgarh	2
Delhi & Noida	NIL
Himachal	NIL
Haryana, Punjab, J& K, Chandigarh	2
Gujarat	6
Maharashtra, Goa, Daman & Dadra Nagar Haveli	2
Total	90

All applications are processed for grant of BIS licence as per the provisions in the BIS Act and rules and regulations framed there under.

(d) : Packaged Drinking Water was brought under mandatory certification vide Gazette Notification No. GSR 759 (E) dated 29 Sept 2000 issued by Ministry of Health and Family Welfare under Prevention of Food Adulteration Rules. BIS ensures the quality of packaged drinking water of its licensees through a well defined certification scheme wherein surveillance visits are undertaken to the licensees' premises and samples are drawn from factory and market to check the conformity of the samples as per IS 14543:2004.

(e) & (f): The following complaints regarding the quality of bottled water are pending with BIS. Such complaints are attended to and corrective action taken as per the provisions in the BIS Act and Rules and Regulations framed there under:

State	No. of Complaints
Andhra Pradesh	2
Kerala	1

Assam	1
Rajasthan	2
M.P.	1
Delhi	1
Haryana,	1
Gujarat	1
West Bengal	1
Total	11